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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 1886 ACTION SECSTATE 06 FEB

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 1886

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: NAKASONE ON NPT

1. IN COURSE OF A COURTESY CALL FEB 6, LDP SEC GEN NAKASONE TOLD SHERMAN (EA/J) THAT LDP INTENDED TO GO ALL OUT TO ACHIEVE RATIFICATION OF NPT AT THIS DIET SESSION. HE SAID THERE WERE STILL FIVE HOLDOUTS IN LDP UPPER HOUSE MEMBERSHIP, BUT THAT LDP LEADERSHIP WAS WORKING TO CONVINCE THEM. HE SAID THAT, WHILE THE DSP AND CGP WOULD SUPPORT THE TREATY, THE JSP WOULD OPPOSE IT. THE LDP, THEREFORE, INTENDS TO USE "STEAMROLLER TACTICS," IF NECESSARY, TO GET IT THROUGH THE LOWER HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BY MID-FEBRUARY AND SEEK LOWER HOUSE PASSAGE BY ABOUT FEB 19 OR 20, ALLOWING SUFFICIENT TIME FOR AUTOMATIC UPPER HOUSE APPROVAL, IF IT SHOULD RUN INTO DIFFICULTY THERE.

2. COMMENT: FOREGOING IS MOST AUTHORITATIVE WORD ON NPT WE HAVE HEARD TO DATE. IT SHOULD PROBABLY BE TAKEN AS STATEMENT OF INTENT, RATHER THAN SOLID PREDICTION OF EVENTS, HOWEVER, AND NAKASONE'S REMARKS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHIN CONTEXT OF TOKYO 1718.

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